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SUMMARY: JAPANESE EXCOM PROPOSES NEXT MEETING JUNE 28-30. CHICAGO IS ACCEPTABLE SITE. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR EXCOM SITE VISITS IN US, PER PARA FOUR. END SUMMARY.

1. MEETING IN CHICAGO ACCEPTABLE TO JAPANESE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM). DR. OKITA NOW IN US, BUT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MASUDA PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS ON OKITA'S SCHEDULE. OKITA WILL BE IN PARAGUAY FOR MEETINGS UNTIL JUNE 27 AT NOON. HE PLANS TO FLY TO SAO PAULO, BRAZIL THAT DAY, LEAVE SAO PAULO AT 2100 ON RG 852, 6/27, AND REACH NEW YORK CITY AT 0720, 6/28. HE COULD ARRIVE IN CHICAGO LATE SATURDAY MORNING. THEREFORE, AFTERNOON OF JUNE 28 AND JUNE 29-30 WOULD BE BEST FOR SECOND JOINT MEETING OF EXCOM. OTHER TWO MEMBERS, DRS. MIYAJIMA AND NAKAI, DO NOT HAVE SUCH TIGHT SCHEDULES, AND THESE DATES WOULD BE ALL RIGHT FOR THEM, TOO. DR. OKITA PLANS TO LEAVE CHICAGO IN EVENING OF JULY FIRST FOR ASPEN, COLORADO, SO MEETINGS COULD ALSO BE SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF JULY 1.

2. MASUDA ADVISES THAT HE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO US WITH JAPANESE EXCOM. THERE IS POSSIBILITY ASSISTANT FROM FONOFF MIGHT ACCOMPANY GROUP ALSO.

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3. MASUDA SAID HAVING AN INTERPRETER WOULD BE PREFERABLE, BUT NOT INDISPENSABLE. JAPANESE MEMBERS OF EXCOM CAN COMPREHEND SPOKEN ENGLISH EXCELLENTLY (IF IT NOT TOO FAST) AND SPEAK WELL, BUT WILL HAVE TO DEPEND HEAVILY ON US SECRETARIAT IN MAKING REPORT.

4. COMMENTING THAT JAPANESE EXCOM DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION HERE, MASUDA REQUESTED US SUGGEST A FEW PLACES THAT MEMBERS MIGHT VISIT BEFORE OR AFTER MEETING. HOWEVER, MASUDA HAS NO DEFINITE IDEAS OF WHERE EXCOM MIGHT WANT TO VISIT, OTHER THAN THAT MIYAJIMA, AS MEMBER OF JAEC, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ERDA. IN VIEW OF HIS TIGHT SCHEDULE, DR. OKITA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO FOREGO SITE VISITS OUTSIDE CHICAGO AREA.

5. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD MORE DETAILED FLIGHT INFORMATION ON TRAVEL OF DR. OKITA AND OTHERS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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